

MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

September 17, 2009

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Kuhlke, Jr., Chairman
Rudy Bowen, Vice Chairman
Roy Herrington
Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Emory McClinton
Brandon Beach
Sidney Ross
David Doss
Bobby Parham
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Vance Smith
Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer
Elizabeth Osmon
Kate Pfirman
Sandra Burgess
Earl Mahfuz

Chairman Bill Kuhlke opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Roy Herrington gave the invocation.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2009 meetings. Roy Herrington made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2009 meetings, seconded by Dana Lemon and unanimously approved.*

Genetha Singleton, Assistant Director of Preconstruction, presented the projects proposed for the October 2009 Letting for approval. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the October 2009 Letting, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.* Chairman Kuhlke requested that staff provide information to the Board at the October 2009 Board meeting regarding contracts approved and the amount actually let in September 2009. Chairman Kuhlke also requested that an update be given on the Federal Aid Letting from now through December 2009 at the October Board meeting. Johnny Floyd requested that staff provide information on the amount for Federal Aid Letting for stimulus for September at the October 2009 Board meeting. Chairman Kuhlke also requested that staff provide a running total of the dollar amount on letting stimulus projects from the start of the stimulus program.

Todd Long, Director of Planning, presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for September 2009 for approval. Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the proposed revisions to Construction Work Program for September 2009. Robert Brown made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for September 2009, seconded by Rudy Bowen and unanimously approved.

Todd Long also presented the proposed revisions to the Construction Work Program for October 2009.*

Todd Long also gave a presentation on Metro-Atlanta Managed Lanes System Plan, which included the Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan and the Managed Lane System Plan; managed lane goals and objectives; recommended policies; summary of results; implementation tier 1 thru 5 and full implementation. There was some discussion regarding the managed lanes system plan. Dana Lemon requested that staff develop an outreach program explaining the specific value of the managed lane system, including employment centers. Robert Brown made a motion that staff move forward with the Metro-Atlanta Managed Lanes System Plan and come back to the Board with a final report for approval, seconded by Rudy Bowen and Emory McClinton opposed and the motion passed with 10 yeas.

Sandra Burgess, General Counsel, gave a legal update, which included civil actions, mediations and ante-litem notices.

Commissioner Vance Smith gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure ending August 31, 2009; major projects open to traffic; ARRA 2009 stimulus activities; awards; scholarships and presentation from Georgia Garden Club.* Commissioner Smith presented 10 students \$1,000 scholarships funded by SASHTO for academic financial assistance to GDOT employees and other students majoring in a field related to transportation. Kathryn Litton, Chair of the Roadside Enhancement committee, presented a check to the Department, and District personnel for their participation in the roadside enhancement beautification program.

Bryant Poole, Acting Director of Operations, requested that the Board approve the following comprehensive zoning resolution. Roy Herrington made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by David Doss and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Hall County	Amend Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approve

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

Resolved this 17th day of September, 2009.

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Bryant Poole, Acting Director of Operations, requested that the Board approve the following comprehensive zoning resolution. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November, 18, 1971 adopt a policy on outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, that State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December, 18, 1975, adopt a resolution that said that the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with the State and Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Bibb County	Amend Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Deny

NOW, THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above recommendations.

Resolved this 17th day of September, 2009.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to approve the following resolutions. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following resolutions, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Larry Walker is a native of Perry, Georgia, and a 1965 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker served his community as a Municipal Court Judge and later as the Perry City Attorney and where he continues his many civic activities; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1972, serving continuously for 33 years and providing superior leadership and in so doing earning the respect and esteem of his fellow legislators and the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker served in the leadership roles of Administration Floor Leader and Majority Leader of the Georgia House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker served in the House on various committees including Judiciary, Rules and Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker was Chairman of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation, a nationwide organization of state legislative leaders; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker retired from the Georgia General Assembly in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker was elected to the State Transportation Board representing the Eighth Congressional District in 2007 by a majority of the district's House and Senate membership; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker has provided expertise as a member of Board committees including Statewide Transportation Plan, Administrative, Alternative Financing and Transportation Agency Partners; and

WHEREAS, Larry Walker served as Chairman of the Board's Intermodal Committee, where he focused the Department's vision of rail transportation in the state and succeeded in generating new ideas involving commuter rail service across Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 he was elected Vice Chairman of the State Transportation Board and ably chaired the search for the position of Commissioner of the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the State Transportation Board recognizes Larry Walker for his exemplary service and contributions to the Board and the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his wisdom and leadership, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Larry Walker in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

ADOPTED, this the 17th day of September, 2009.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson is a resident of Statesboro, Georgia, and is founder and Chairman of Bulloch Fertilizer Company; and

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson is married to Janelle Deal and they have two children and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson has been active in Georgia's agribusiness community, providing leadership as Chairman of the Board of Agri-Trust of Georgia as well as being a board member of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and director and former president of the Georgia Plant Food Educational Society; and

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson is a former chairman of the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson was elected by a caucus of State Representatives and State Senators representing the Twelfth Congressional District of Georgia to serve on the State Transportation Board, advocating the interests of the district's citizens on transportation issues; and

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson did so with integrity and dedication, providing vision and expertise in shaping the future of transportation for his district and all of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson played a leadership role in envisioning Georgia's transportation needs, serving as Chairman of the State Transportation Board Statewide Transportation Plan/Strategic Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson provided valuable insight and direction with his service on the Board's Finance Committee and the Program Delivery Committee; and

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson recognized the importance of investing in Georgia's ports and chaired the Board's Ports Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Raybon Anderson has ably and honorably served on the State Transportation Board since his election in 2004, working diligently to improve all modes of transportation in Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that the State Transportation Board recognizes Raybon Anderson for his exemplary service and contributions to the Board and the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his wisdom and leadership, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Raybon Anderson in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

ADOPTED, this the 17th day of September, 2009.

Rudy Bowen gave a report from the Administrative Committee. Rudy Bowen stated that Bryant Poole, Acting Director of Operations gave a presentation on charging fees for driveway permits to residential and commercial applicants. The committee unanimously voted to defer the request for charging fees for driveway permits until July 1, 2010. Rudy Bowen also stated that Sandra Burges, General Counsel, discussed the committee goals for FY 2010 and presented a copy of Board policies to be revised and updated to the committee for their review and comments to bring back to the next meeting. Rudy Bowen stated that Bryant Poole gave an update on the Georgia LOGO Program and the committee unanimously voted that DOT staff negotiate the terms of the current contract with Georgia LOGO for a one year extension and bring the results back to the committee for approval at the next meeting.

Johnny Floyd gave a report from the Equal Access Committee. Johnny Floyd stated that Michael Cooper, Director of EEO, gave an update on the Federal net worth ruling regarding the DBE program. Michael Cooper also presented the committee goals for FY 2010.

Brandon Beach gave a report from the Legislative Committee. Brandon Beach stated that the committee will focus on funding and investment needs for transportation in Georgia. Brandon Beach also stated that the committee will work on other issues, if it is an urgent need for the Department and continue to strengthen relationships with the Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. Commissioner Vance Smith stated he will be meeting with senate and house budget leaders, transportation committee chairs and members and appropriation chairs and members regarding funding for the Department.

Rudy Bowen gave a report from the Finance Committee. Rudy Bowen stated that Earl Mahfuz, Assistant Treasurer, gave an update on the right-of-way de-authorization program. Rudy Bowen also stated that Kate Pfirman gave an update on the Amended FY 2010 Budget and FY 2011 Budget. Rudy Bowen made a motion to approve the Amended FY 2010 Budget and the proposed FY 2011 Budget, seconded by Sam Wellborn, Dana Lemon abstained and motion passed with 10 yeas.

Dana Lemon gave a report from the Intermodal Committee. Dana Lemon stated that Erik Steavens, Director of Intermodal, gave an update several issues. Erik Steavens stated that an Executive Order from the Governor's office has been issued to repair the rail bridge in South Georgia. Erik Steavens also gave an update on ARRA fund for transit projects; an update on FTA financial management review and the action plan to address the findings from the review and presented the committee goals for FY 2010. There was some discussion regarding rail repairs. Sam Wellborn made a motion that funds from LOGO Program be used to repair rail, provided that no other funds are available, seconded by Robert Brown and unanimously approved.

David Doss gave a report from the Public Private Partnership (P3) Committee. David Doss stated that Earl Mahfuz, Assistant Treasurer, gave an update on P3 Activities, which included P3 rules; P3 guidelines and project listing and screening. Earl Mahfuz stated that the P3 rules must be approved by the House and Senate Transportation committees and then presented to the Board for final approval. Earl Mahfuz also presented the goals for the P3 Committee for FY 2010.

Chairman Bill Kuhlke gave a report from the Program Delivery Committee. Chairman Kuhlke stated that Gerald Ross, Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer, gave update on the committee goals for FY 2010, which included action items on each goal. Chairman Kullke also requested that Gerald Ross present the list of goals that will be completed in FY 2010.

Emory McClinton gave a report from Transportation Agency Partners Committee. Emory McClinton presented handout regarding goals for the Transportation Agency Partners Committee, which included intermodal funding; policy; internal funding options; legislation required funding options and FY 2011 legislative agenda items.*

Under New Business Sam Wellborn requested that DOT staff make the project in District 2 on State Route 133 in Albany a high priority on the project list and expedite this project, seconded by Johnny Floyd and unanimously approved.

Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Robert Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Dana Lemon and unanimously approved.

Chairman Kuhlke stated there was no action taken in Executive Session and asked for a motion to reconvene the Board Meeting. Roy Herrington made a motion to end Executive Session and reconvene the Board meeting, seconded by Bobby Parham and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Chairman Kuhlke asked for a motion to adjourn. Johnny Floyd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Approved:


Bill Kuhlke, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:


Elizabeth Osmon, Board Secretary

***Denotes documentation in file.**